

**IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA**

AMIR H. SANJARI)	Supreme Court No. 20S00-0412-SJ-637
)	
vs.)	
)	Case No. 20D05-0412-MI-4
ALISON GRATZOL)	in the Elkhart Superior Court

ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL JUDGE

Comes now the Honorable James W. Rieckhoff, Judge of the Elkhart Superior Court, No. 5, and on his own motion remands this cause to the Court for appointment of a special judge. In addition, Petitioner, Amir H. Sanjari, files his objection to the appointment of a special judge and requests the remand of this matter to Judge Rieckhoff.

And this Court, being duly advised, now finds that a special judge should be appointed to hear this matter in the Elkhart Superior Court, No. 5, pursuant to Ind.Trial Rule 79, and that Petitioner's objection to the appointment of a special judge should be overruled. The Court notes that Judge Rieckhoff had previously recused himself in a separate action involving Petitioner, citing his acquaintance with Petitioner.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Honorable Rex L. Reed is appointed as special judge to hear this matter in the Elkhart Superior Court, No. 5. This order vests jurisdiction in Judge Reed. Pursuant to Ind.Trial Rule 79(K), an oath of office is not required.

IT IS, FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's objection to the appointment of a special judge is overruled.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward notice of this Order to the Hon. James W. Rieckhoff, Elkhart Superior Court, 315 South Second Street, Elkhart, IN 46516-3138; to the Hon. Rex L. Reed, Kosciusko Circuit Court, 121 North Lake Street, 2nd Floor, Warsaw, IN 46580-2785; and to the Clerk of the Elkhart Superior Court, No. 5.

The Clerk of the Elkhart Superior Court, No. 5, is directed to forward notice of this Order to all parties of record in the case below.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this _____ day of January, 2005.

Randall T. Shepard
Chief Justice of Indiana